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1. In August 1953 the Chinese Communist Revolutionary Military Council ordered each public security division to establish an infantry-artillery regiment by expanding its artillery battalion.¹ In each public security division, the original artillery battalion was to become the 1 Battalion of the new regiment. The 2 and 3 Battalions of the new regiment were to be equipped with a total of twenty-eight 81-mm. and 92-mm.² infantry-artillery pieces. The infantry-artillery regiments of border and coastal defense public security divisions were also to be equipped with four 105-mm. howitzers.
2. The strength of each public security division was to be increased to 8,000 men.³ In addition to the new regiment, each division was to include three infantry regiments and one reconnaissance battalion.

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be expected to improve further. Several reports have mentioned the possession of 60-mm. and 82-mm. mortars by public security units, and mortars probably constitute the bulk of what [REDACTED] as "infantry artillery pieces". [REDACTED] for previous reports on the TO/E's of Chinese Communist public security formations.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. No weapon of this caliber is used in the Chinese Communist army; possibly the Japanese 70-mm. Type 92 battalion howitzer is intended. Note that [REDACTED] reported an "82 Artillery

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Company" and a "92 Artillery Company" in each regiment of the 1 Public Security Division of the Central Public Security Column in Peiping.

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3. Comment. On 9 September AFPE tentatively accepted 6,000 men as the strength of Chinese Communist public security divisions.
Comment. previously referenced, reported the strength of the 1 Public Security Division as 9,866 men. The T0/E for public security divisions reported here seems to parallel in a general way that reported for the Peiping division.